

Exclusive News by Special Cable From the Capitals of the Old World

SEES STRANGE DANCE

Englishman Visits Monastery in Unknown Bhutan.

MONKS IN QUIANT COSTUMES

Gives Entertainment and Ruler of District Welcomes Him—Exceedingly Rare Animal Found by Mr. White—It Dies on the Way Back to Civilization—Route to Lassa.

London, Dec. 15.—Claude White, the British political agent at Sikkim, made two expeditions into Bhutan last year and during the late summer, details of which are now published for the first time.

During the first journey, which was undertaken to invest the Tongsa Penlop, the ruler of Bhutan, as a knight commander of the Indian empire, for the services he rendered during the Tibet campaign, the entire country was crossed, and portions of Tibet which had not been visited by white men were traversed. Everywhere Mr. White was received with absolute friendliness.

Met by the Ruler. The Tongsa Penlop, himself, undertook a difficult and dangerous journey of over ten days from his residence at Baga to meet Mr. White at Lhakhang. At Lhakhang monastery, one of the most noted in Bhutan, the chief incarnate lama is the nephew of the Tongsa Penlop. Here a great reception was organized in honor of the British political agent.

As the caravan approached up the gorge toward the ancient monastery it was met by masses of lamas all wearing dark-red robes. When Mr. White and the Tongsa Penlop had been escorted up to the monastery an extraordinary lama dance was organized in their honor. This took place in the courtyard of the monastery, the various dancers wearing grotesque masks of animal's heads.

During the summer mission Mr. White was beyond the limits of Bhutan proper, and traveled for a prolonged period through hitherto unknown parts of Tibet.

A Curious Animal. Mr. White came across the takin (Budorcas axillaris), an exceptionally rare animal, which, so far as is known, had never been previously seen alive or shot by a European. Mr. White was presented with a very fine specimen by the Tongsa Penlop, but it died in the Chumbi Valley on its way home.

Its habitat is just below the snow line. This extremely rare animal, which in appearance is half ox, half antelope, is stated to be found to exist only in three places in Bhutan. The foothills of Bhutan are admirably adapted for the cultivation of rubber, etc., and the people are extremely anxious to trade with us. Eventually, it is stated, they will form a valuable market for Manchester cotton goods.

Mr. White discovered a shorter route to Lassa than the one now known.

SINGER SHOT ON STAGE.

Rejected Admirer Also Wounds Her Sweetheart, Who Is with Her. Paris, Dec. 15.—During a rehearsal at the Theatre des Folies Dramatiques yesterday, Emili Hougraud, a clown, shot at and mortally wounded Lucette Denay, a young singer.

Hougraud first met the girl ten years ago, when she was only nine years old. He was charmed by her voice, and offered to have her trained for the operatic stage. He placed her under a well known singing master for six years, and after she had made her debut with great success discovered that she loved him.

She refused to marry him, saying she loved Pippo, a singer who had recently joined the company in which she was singing.

While the girl and her lover were singing a duet together yesterday, Hougraud drew a revolver and fired four shots at the girl and two at her lover. The shots lodged in her neck and shoulders. The man was only slightly wounded. Hougraud offered no resistance when arrested.

INSANE; RE-ENACTS MURDER.

Woman Arises from Bed and Goes Through Details of Crime.

Vienna, Dec. 15.—Franciska Klein, who was sentenced to penal servitude for life last April for the murder of Johann Sokora, a wealthy old man, has, in a fit of madness, re-enacted the crime.

She had been removed to a lunatic asylum, and, owing to peculiar fits of hysteria to which she became subject, had been placed under the supervision of two celebrated lunacy experts, Dr. Hoewel and Dr. Solder.

At midnight last night she got out of bed, says the Neue Freie Presse, and enacted the whole of the murder scene. She danced and sang to an imaginary Sokora—who was impersonated by a pillow placed on her bed—and implored him to give her money. Presently she crept across the room and fetched a towel, with which she strangled her victim. She then called to her husband to come and help her, and went through the gruesome pantomime of rifling the dead man's pockets, afterward disposing of the supposed body in a sheet. Ultimately she was overcome by fear, and attempted to dash her head against the wall.

FINED FOR INSULTING POLICE.

Woman Doctor Has to Pay Penalty of Attacking Them.

Hamburg, Dec. 15.—Mme. Anita Augsburg, a woman doctor, has been sentenced to a fine of \$50 for writing an article entitled "The Misdeeds of the Police."

The article is intended to expose the brutality exercised by the police during the recent manifestation for universal suffrage. Mme. Augsburg, among other things, mentions a workman whose hand was cut off by a police officer's sabre.

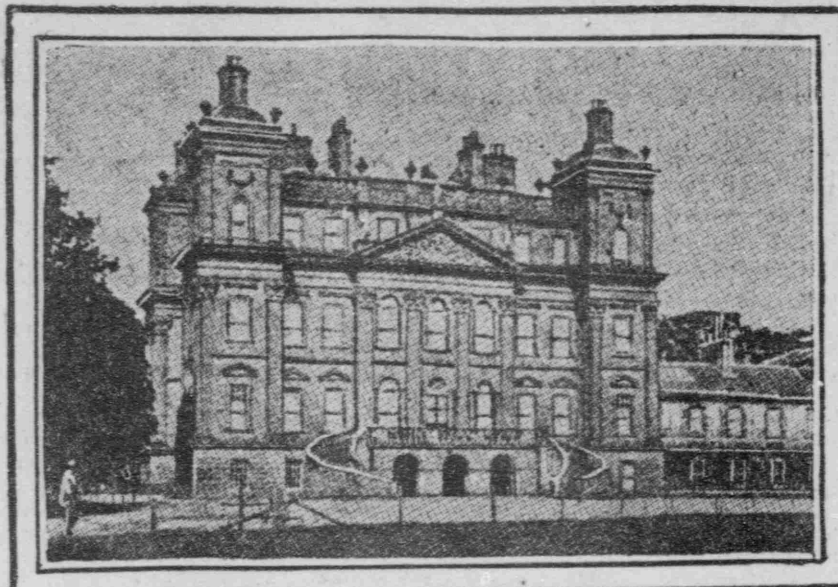
The judge, in passing sentence, said that the title in itself was an insult to the honor of the police force.

Relics of the Romans.

Cardiff, Dec. 15.—Workmen engaged in diverting a roadway at Welywn, Herts, yesterday unearthed seven Roman urns in a good state of preservation, a Roman spur, two drinking bowls six inches high, one smaller cup, a bowl, some bronze plate, an iron standard, and a small urn six inches high.

Thousandth Anniversary.

London, Dec. 15.—A pageant will be held at Ramsey on June 18, 19 and 20 next in honor of the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of Ramsey Abbey by King Edward the Elder.



A general view of Duff House

DUKE MAKES GIFT TO PUBLIC

Presents Mansion, Duff House, and Grounds to Scottish Towns.

New Park Will Be Called the Princess Royal in Honor of the Duke's Wife.

Edinburgh, Dec. 15.—The small towns of Banff and Macduff, on each side of the mouth of the River Deveron, were on fete yesterday when it was announced that the Duke of Fife, husband of the princess royal, King Edward's eldest daughter, had made over to them as a free gift his mansion, Duff House, with about 140 acres of the park surrounding it, and all the stabling, gardens, and lodges.

The house stands practically within the town of Banff, having been gradually surrounded by the growing town. It was built between 1740 and 1745, after a design by the elder Adams. The gardens contain the ruins of the House of Airlie, in which the Duke of Cumberland lodged on his way to Culloden.

Recently the princess royal (Duchess of Fife) and the Duke of Fife have stayed at Duff House only a few days each summer. In a letter announcing his gift, which he made in consultation with the princess royal, the duke expresses regret that they had not been able to be of greater service to the locality. No restrictions whatever are attached to the gift.

The two town councils met at Duff House yesterday, and in sending a message of acknowledgment to his grace, asked permission to name a new park after the princess royal.

The duke's ancestor, William Duff, M. P. for Banffshire, was created Viscount Macduff in 1759.

CHIMNEY SWEEP IN OPERA.

His Voice Trained by Customer Who Heard Him Sing at Work.

Vienna, Dec. 15.—Director Mahler, of the Vienna Court Opera House, has engaged Herr Hans Elensson for the winter season. Herr Elensson until a few years ago was a chimney sweep at Stuttgart. While singing at his work his voice attracted the attention of a wealthy customer, who caused him to be trained for the operatic stage.



Latest Portrait of Servia's Crown Prince.

SWISS GIRL LOCKED IN CAGE.

Held Prisoner in Cellar of Home for Three Years by Her Parents.

Geneva, Dec. 15.—A wealthy farmer, named Thonney, and his wife, living in the village of Beguins, near Nyon, have been arrested for torturing their daughter.

Mlle. Thonney, three years ago, when she was fifteen years old, had a love affair, which ended in her father locking her in an underground cellar. She has been kept there a prisoner ever since until yesterday, when Thonney's daughter-in-law, after a quarrel, gave information to the police.

Mlle. Thonney was released in a pitiable condition. She was half blind, speechless, and indescribably emaciated. She was removed to a hospital.

BIG PRICES FOR PORCELAINS.

Chinese Collection Brings \$89,270 at Christie's, London.

London, Dec. 15.—A large crowd has been attracted to Christie's all the week by a sale of old porcelain. The chief attractions were pairs of old Chinese vases and beakers, Mandarin jars and covers, a rare Vincennes clock case and a Chelsea dessert service.

The vases, which are of the Hang-hai period, sold for \$19,425. The Chinese beakers, examples of which are to be found in the Gariens collection, in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, sold for \$15,500. The Mandarin jars brought \$8,250, a pair of Ky-Lin jars, \$2,500; a Louis XV clock case, \$1,800, and four Chippendale chairs, \$15,575. The total amount of the sale was \$89,270.

Thinks He Has Meningitis Cure.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Dr. Kollie, bacteriologist at Berne University, thinks he has discovered a serum that cures cerebro-spinal meningitis.



The Duke of Fife, the Princess Royal and her daughters



In the grounds of Duff House

THE DUKE OF FIFE'S MUNIFICENT GIFT TO THE TOWNS OF BANFF AND MACDUFF.

The Duke of Fife has given his residence, Duff House, and its grounds, which extend to about 140 acres, to the towns of Banff and Macduff in perpetuity. The duke and princess royal, in making the gift, regret that for a long time past they have not been able to reside at Duff House, and thus be of greater service to the locality. They, therefore, determined to bestow the house and grounds for the recreation and well-being of the community.

DEPORT CARGO OF GYPSIES

English Officials Dump Over 100 Unwelcome Guests in Hamburg.

Ragged Nomads Unconcerned, and Say They Made Money by Their Eight Months' Raid.

Hamburg, Dec. 15.—An unwelcome cargo for the German authorities arrived at Hamburg to-day from England on the steamer Lincoln, consisting of 12 gypsies—seventy-five adults and the rest children. There were also twenty vans and thirty-three horses. The German police watched them land, but it was found that all were German subjects, and all were passed after having been medically examined.

During the stormy passage the gypsies, who were in the dirtiest and most ragged condition, lived in their vans, which stood on deck. They stated that they were delighted with their eight months' stay in England, where they had "earned" much money. On landing they possessed four horses, and on leaving they had thirty-one.

They declared that they were not at all afraid of the English police, who treated them far more considerately than the German force. They only left England because the English were considerate enough to pay their passage back, as well as the duty on their horses. "We saved our money," they said, contentedly.

If possible, they intend to return to England next spring.

WOMAN HORSEWHIPS PRINCE.

Slandered by Heir to Servian Throne, She Has Revenge.

Belgrade, Dec. 15.—The mad escapades of the crown prince continue to shock and disgust the Servian people. A few days ago they brought summary punishment upon him, for he was severely horsewhipped in one of the cafes of the town by a young woman whom he is said to have slandered.

The people of Belgrade would not permit the young woman to be punished for this indignity to the crown prince or for the breach of peace that her act had caused. Instead they hailed her as a sort of heroine. He is exceedingly unpopular with the people, and it is said that the only time he was ever cheered by them was when he won a hurdle race at one of the annual sporting events held in Belgrade.

Official Servia has been industriously denying the report of the crown prince's insanity, attributing the report to the Austrians, who thought by this means to thwart the King in his effort to raise a loan for the country. It has even gone so far as to maintain that the prince's acts are merely outbursts of Servian enthusiasm, and that his violent temper is only an evidence of his rebellion against the sway of men who are enemies of his country.

ELOPING PRIEST PENITENT.

Says He and Woman with Whom He Went Will Expatriate Offense.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Abbe Delarue, whose mysterious disappearance from his parish of Chateaufort caused a sensation some months ago, announces that he and the schoolmistress with whom he eloped have agreed to part.

Since the elopement they have been living at Brussels, and the priest has been trying to earn a living as a traveler in the imitation jewelry trade.

A letter announcing their determination was brought to the offices of some Paris newspapers last night by a mysterious ecclesiastic who refused to give his name or address.

The latter stated that the couple wish to expiate their crime by works of charity.

Ireland for Tobacco.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—At the sitting in Dublin of the council of agriculture, Col. Everard said that the tobacco industry would give employment to every member of the farmers' families all the year round. That was an industry which was once beginning to make great strides when it was ruthlessly stamped out. Ireland was capable of producing the highest classes of tobacco.

SELL CHILDREN TO GET FOOD

Russian Peasants Forced to Part with Their Comely Daughters.

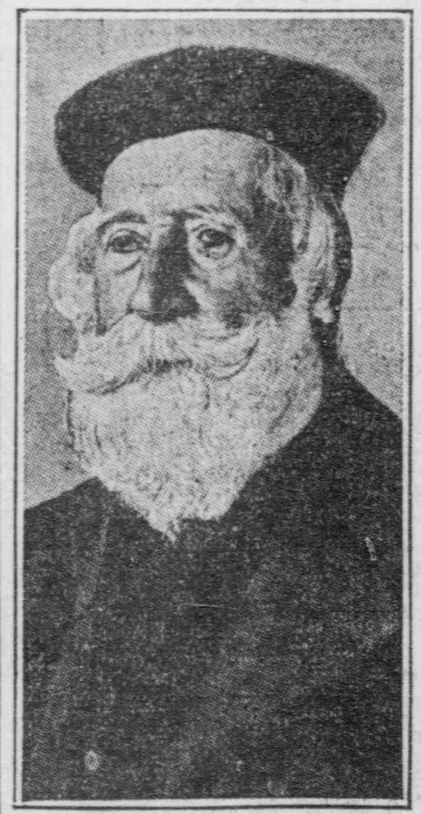
Get from \$50 to \$75 for Them, and the Girls Will Be Taken to Turkish Harems.

Moscow, Dec. 15.—The peasants of the province of Kasan are publicly selling their daughters to the highest bidder.

They declare they are forced to this extremity, as they are dying of starvation. A terrible famine prevails, and they are reduced to the last stage of misery. Agents from the Caucasus are negotiating with the parents, who, in many cases, are parting with their girls for a few pounds. In one village alone eight girls, whose ages vary from twelve to seventeen years, have been disposed of in this way.

The prices ranged from \$50 to \$75, according to the personal attractions of the girls. Most of the girls will probably find their way into Turkish harems.

More scandals are being revealed in connection with famine relief. Millions of pounds of grain (a pound equals thirty-six pounds) bought by the minister of the interior are missing, and only thousands reach their destination. A quantity of these are declared rotten by commissions composed of nominees of the government.



Oldest Member of the House of Lords.

Sir Peter Robert Burrell, fourth Baron Gwydyr, was born so long ago, as April 27, 1816, but he is still hale and hearty. He comes of a very ancient family, though it was only in 1786 that they were raised to the peerage. Lord Gwydyr was secretary to the Hereditary Great Chamberlain, 1837-70.

Admiral Thierry in Command.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Admiral Thierry is to command the French squadron which will take part in the naval display at the opening of the Jamestown Exposition. It will include the armored cruiser Kleber, Jules Ferry, and Victor Hugo.

Great Storm in Italy.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Terrific storms of snow, wind, and rain have caused serious damage to all the Italian telegraphic lines. Throughout the morning Rome was entirely isolated.

Count Lamsdorf Is Ill.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—Count Lamsdorf, former minister for foreign affairs, is seriously ill of heart disease, accompanied by other weaknesses.

BOGUS OFFICIAL MAKES RAID

Burgomaster in Austria Made Dupe Like the One at Koepenick.

Impositor Dressed in Uniform of Law Courts Imposes Many Fines Before Being Caught.

Vienna, Dec. 15.—A man in the uniform of an official of the law courts has been repeating the exploits of Capt. "Koeppen" at Iwankowitz, in the Bukovina. He called on the burgomaster and informed him that he had been sent by the judge of the neighboring town of Kotzmann to make inquiries into some recent fires. He asked for assistance, and a policeman was ordered to accompany him.

The supposed judicial functionary then visited a number of houses and demanded from the inhabitants the production of their insurance policies. In about twenty cases, where these were not forthcoming, he levied fines, which had to be paid on the spot.

His worship, as the swindler allowed himself to be called, then dismissed the policeman, and, fortunately, refreshed himself too liberally at a public house. Proceeding to the village school, he ordered the master to produce his passport, and then told him to consider himself arrested. He summarily arrested two peasants, and marched about the village followed by his three prisoners, until the police arrested him on the complaint of some of the persons whom he had fined. He was discovered to be a well-known bad character named Theodor Moskabuk, from the neighboring town of Kotzmann.

TWINS LOOK LIKE DEPEW.

Brothers, Aged 87, Bear Striking Resemblance to Each Other.

London, Dec. 15.—Two remarkable twins celebrated their birthday in the city this week. Twins are common enough, but it is rare, indeed, that the pair of them attain the age of eighty-seven years. But in the case of David and Jonathan Codner (fifteen Christian names, indeed), they have reached this age without severing their partnership, if one may thus express it.

The pair, who are leading merchants in the city, and who by the way, bear a striking resemblance to Chauncey M. Depew, were born in Devonport in 1819, and until they reached middle age it was a matter of considerable difficulty to tell them apart, while even now, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, it is not easy to detect which is which, so great is the resemblance. The most curious part is that they are both active and have known but little illness. They are keen amateur photographers, and take an interest in rowing, as those at Devonport can testify.

There is every indication that the brothers will touch the century mark, thus constituting a world's record.

LIGHT LAMP THROUGH BODY

Remarkable Demonstration of Wonders of New System of Electricity.

Wireless Telephone Will Soon Be in Operation, Is the Prediction of the Inventor.

London, Dec. 15.—Before an audience of some of the best-known scientific men of the day, Valdemar Poulsen last night at the Queen's Hall demonstrated some of the wonders of his new system of ethereal electricity, as Sir William Preece, the chairman, described it.

Sir William said that the lecturer's discovery sounded the death knell of the old "spark" telegraphy, and Mr. Poulsen in his paper explained that his form of electricity was capable of no fewer than a million vibrations per second, thus giving a practically continuous wave of energy. The "spark" form of electricity might be likened to a series of explosions, and the Poulsen system to a continuously vibrating tuning-fork.

Some wonderful demonstrations, illustrating the capacities of the new electricity, were given. A set of six electric incandescent lamps were lighted "wirelessly" by its energy, a lamp was lit through Mr. Poulsen's body, copper wire was melted in midair, but the most beautiful sight of all was the swinging copper wire fixed to the top of an induction coil, which, in the darkness of the hall, seemed like a waving scimitar of violet flame when the ethereal energy was applied to it.

In addition to the advantages in wireless telegraphy (which include absolutely perfect "tuning" and the impossibility of tapping), the inventor expressed himself confident that it would be found to solve the problem of a wireless telephone.



Princely Woman-hater Engaged at Last.

For many years German court circles have referred to Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein as "the most exalted woman-hater on earth." His favorite subject of conversation has invariably been his dislike to the fair sex. Great has been every one's amazement at the announcement of his engagement to Countess Ortrud zu Ysenburg and Buedingen, who is a sister of Princess Stolberg-Stolberg. The Countess Ortrud is a good-looking woman, and very popular in society. Twenty-seven years of age, she is sixteen years the junior of her future husband.

GOLD STREWN ABOUT

Irish Mansion Reveals Remarkable Carelessness.

MANY CHECKS ARE UNCASHED

Sovereigns Found on Floors of Every Room and in Kitchen Utensils, While Silver and Lace Is Hidden Away in Rubbish, and Rich Articles Are Found Everywhere.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—A remarkable romance of an old country mansion that was found to be actually littered with wealth was told in Dublin before the master of the rolls yesterday in connection with the administration of the estate of the late Mrs. Megan, who owned a house in County Meath and another in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Mrs. Megan died in 1889, and made her daughter her heir and executrix. The daughter in turn died about a year ago. The personal estate was valued at over \$50,000, a large portion of which was to be devoted to building three hospitals in Dublin, and a value was called in to make an inventory of the contents.

Silver Scattered About.

His report contains some astounding details. Every passage in the house and every room in which access could be obtained was packed with parcels of every description, old papers, deed boxes, valuable pieces of furniture, and old silver, all thrown about in confusion. The main staircase and the vestibule were almost knee-deep in rubbish. It took the valuer three days to investigate the litter, and his labors resulted in the discovery of thousands of pounds in checks, bank notes, shares, securities, coin, jewelry, and silver.

Bank of England and Bank of Ireland notes were found adhering to old pieces of newspaper, or thrown carelessly aside in waste-paper baskets. Sovereigns were found on the floor of every room, on the stairs, and hidden away in tea-cups and vases, and even in the kitchen utensils.

There were also large sums represented in uncashed checks, dated in some cases upward of fifty years back.

Plute chests containing large quantities of silver were found hidden under great piles of papers, and, judging from their appearance, they had been untouched for decades. Large quantities of wearing apparel were also found, gowns in some instances being covered with rare old Irish lace.

In every page of the valuer's notebook occurs such a phrase as "Found five-pound note among the rubbish." When the lady's other house, in St. Stephen's Green, was examined, it was found to be in a similar state of confusion. The British House of Commons by the utterances of such men as Keir Hardie and Mr. Byles, has for its object the smothering of British influence under the constitution, and a return of power to the Boers. While its avowed aims are pacific, the violent diatribes of Mr. Steyn and other leaders against British policy leave no doubt as to the bitterness of its intentions and the object which it has in view.

OUTRAGES BY BOER AGITATORS.

Loyalists in Terror at Depredations Committed by Moonlight Riders.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 15.—Serious cases of moonlighting by Boers are reported from the Bethulle district.

Two farmers who have refused to join the Orange Ude are the victims. Their fences have been uprooted, their sheep strangled, other stock poisoned and disemboweled, their dams blown up by dynamite, and the veld in their vicinity strewn with strychnine.

It is also reported that threatening letters have been received by other Dutch farmers and settlers who have refused to support the Boer programme.

The Boer political organizations in South Africa are receiving every encouragement to prosecute an aggressive policy, owing to the weak attitude taken by the imperial government.

The loyalists feel that their interests have been abandoned, and that in the course of events they will again become the subjective part of the population.

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TRY TO SWINDLE EMPEROR.

Rogues Pretend to Be Veterans and Get Sympathy of Francis Joseph.

Budapest, Dec. 15.—The Emperor Franz Josef had an unusual adventure while taking his customary walk in the gardens of the Hofburg at 6 o'clock this morning.

His majesty was accosted by two men who pretended to be veterans of the campaign of 1848. One of them asked for the Emperor's pencil, with which he wrote an order for \$30. The Emperor then signed it, and sent a servant to fetch the money.

The "veterans" grew nervous, however, and suddenly bolted out of the garden. The Emperor, who was greatly upset by the incident, called an aid-de-camp, who secured the arrest of the two men shortly afterward.

They proved to be well-known rogues, aged, respectively, thirty-two and forty-seven years, wearing false beards.

KAISER ASKS GOOD COOKING.

If There Were More of It, There Would Be Better Feeling, He Says.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Emperor William regards good cooking as being necessary to the contentment of the people. While inspecting the kitchen of a convent school at Obernkirchen yesterday, on the occasion of his visit to Prince von Schaumburg-Lippe, he saw the pupils busily engaged in cooking and remarked: "If the cooking was everywhere as good as it is here the feeling of the country would be better. Cooking and food are of great importance. Good cooking helps to improve general contentment."

Woman Suffragists Sent to Jail.

London, Dec. 15.—Five of the woman suffragists arrested for attempting to hold a meeting within the precincts of Parliament recently, resulting in an exciting scuffle with the police, were arraigned at a police court and sentenced to pay fines of \$5 each, or in default to go to jail for a fortnight. Following the precedent in the cases of the earlier prosecutions, the women elected to go to prison.

Contraband Dispute Settled.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Foreign Minister Pichon informed the council of ministers this morning that the conventions between Great Britain, France, and Italy, regarding Abyssinia and the repression of the traffic in contraband of war on the Somaliland coast, were signed yesterday in London by representatives of the three governments.



Twin Brothers Who Are 87 Years Old.

This is a remarkable case of good health and longevity. David Codner and his brother, Jonathan Codner, have always resembled each other so closely as to bewilder their most intimate friends, and are still in the enjoyment of health and vigor.